

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 14 and 18-20 are presently active in this case, Claims 1-13, 16-17 and 21-23 canceled, Claims 14 and 18 amended by way of the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-8, 11, 12 and 23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No 6,847,014 to Benjamin et al.; Claims 1-8, 11 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,664,738 to Arai et al.; and Claims 9 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Benjamin et al. and Arai et al. in view of Lee et al.; Claim 22 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the prior art of Benjamin et al. or Arai et al.; Claims 16, 17 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Benjamin et al. and Claims 14 and 18-20 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if placed in independent form.

First, Applicants wish to thank the examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 14 and 18-20. In order to expedite issuance of a patent in this case, Applicants have amended Claims 14 and 18 to be in independent form including all of the limitations of their respective base and intervening claims. Therefore, Claims 14 and 18 are now in condition for allowance. Claims 19-20 depend from Claim 14 and are therefore also in condition for allowance. All other claims have been cancelled. Therefore the present amendment should be entered after final as placing this case in condition for allowance.

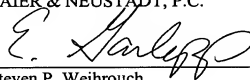
Consequently, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application and the present application is believed to be in

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condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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